

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by replacing the following paragraphs, with changes indicated as prescribed by 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b)(1).

Paragraph beginning on page 1, line 19 (Paragraph [0003] of US 2002/0118809 A1):

[0003] Instant messaging (IM) is becoming an increasingly popular utility on networks such as the Internet. Under Instant messaging, IM clients on a network can communicate with each other via an IM server or messenger service of the network. The messenger service also typically provides a “presence” feature which permits IM clients to know the status of other clients on the network serviced by the messenger service. The status information for a client includes whether the client is presently at his workstation, which can be determined by the level of activity at the client’s workstation. The presence feature also allows clients to declare themselves unavailable to receive instant messages so that incoming messages can be blocked.

Paragraph beginning on page 6, line 11 (Paragraph [0024] of US 2002/0118809 A1):

[0024] The IM client module 16 and the video conference module 18 within each client 12 ~~are interface to~~ interface with each other. When an instant message setting up a video conference is sent by a client 12 via its IM client module 16, the video conference module 18 detects the message. It extracts the information from the message which is used to set up the video conference automatically through the CTM

server 20. The information extracted from the IM can include the identity, address and communication mode for each prospective participant in the conference. Once the CTM server 20 receives this information, it can initiate the conference via the MCU 24. Alternatively, the information extracted from the instant message can include the identity of the prospective participants in the video conference. This identity information is provided to the CTM server 20 which can associate each participant with its address, communication mode, gateway address, and other required information, using database 22. This information is used in setting up the video conference in the MCU 24.

Paragraph beginning on page 10, line 2 (Paragraph [0045] of US 2002/0118809 A1):

[0045] The back end component bridges the IM and A/V conferencing environments and controls management of connections in the A/V enhanced IM system. It is designed to support any IM system as well as any video conferencing protocol. The capabilities of the IM Call Router include the following.